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School Roof Replaced

Asbestos adds to cost of project

(Lamoine) — Sometimes, timing is everything, and in the case of the roofing project at the Lamoine Consolidated School, things worked out well, even after workers discovered asbestos panels.

The discovery came in November. An emergency school board meeting decided to spend the extra \$12,000 to remove the panels over the roof of the old section of the school built in the 1950's. Luckily, a week shutdown was planned during Thanksgiving, so no students or staff would be present while the panels were removed.

The project began in late October. An ice storm during the asbestos removal project slowed things a little, but school was able to open on time for the resumption of classes the week after.

The project is presently funded through the operations budget of the school, and a request will be made at town meeting to transfer \$40,000 from the capital budget to operations to cover the cost. By doing it this way, the roofing project will be eligible for state reimbursement funding two years down the road. The roof was given top priority by the school committee when it listed the various projects needed at the school.



Arts in Education Grant Received

by Kathy Holliman

(Lamoine) — The arts program at the Lamoine Consolidated School got a boost this year. The Maine Arts Commission selected Union 92 for a \$2,000 grant, "seed money" to stimulate the arts program in each of the six schools in the union.

The grant provides \$2 per student in the union, with the school systems matching that funding. Twenty-five percent of the matching funds comes from the money the schools have already budgeted for students to attend Performing Arts for children productions at the Grand Auditorium in Ellsworth. An arts auction held in November, with generous donations from artists and businesses throughout the area, brought in over \$3,000 to the program.

With government funding for the arts diminishing, the Maine Arts Commission has begun directing its limited resources into three geographic regions on a three-year cycle. Other communities that have received similar grants include Lewiston-Auburn, Rangeley, and other school systems in Hancock County.

One aim is to motivate schools to develop and extend programs related to the arts, and to stimulate ways those programs can continue after the grant money is gone.

For the Lamoine School, the seed money will fund a visiting artist to the school this year, a union-wide performance with home-grown talent in the Spring, and the development of a four-year plan for the arts program.

All are welcome to visit the school to see the work of young Lamoine artists. Additionally, some of the art work is on display at the Lamoine town hall during the school year.

New Code Enforcement Officer



Rebecca Albright was chosen from a field of 6 candidates and four finalists for the job of Code Enforcement Officer & Building Inspector.

(Lamoine) — Rebecca Albright of Otis is the town's new Code Enforcement officer. Ms. Albright was hired unanimously by the Board of Selectmen, and officially took office in late October. She is state certified as a Code Officer and Plumbing Inspector.

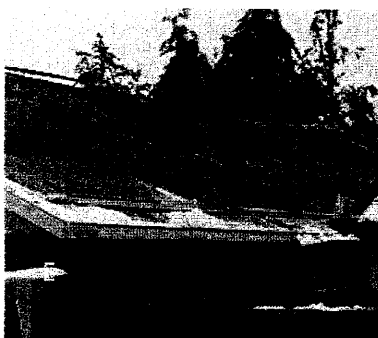
Rebecca holds office hours each Monday at the town office during the winter months, and is available at home other days of the week and by appointment, if needed on Saturday. During the summer, she'll be in the office a couple days a week to handle the busier building season.

During her first few weeks on the job, Rebecca has inspected all the licensed gravel pits in town, as several are up for permit renewal. She has also done a cursory inspection of the town for possible state automobile graveyard violations. A few building permits have been issued, and several building inspections have been completed.

Visitors to the town office on Mondays also have a chance to meet her new dog, Isis who's been quite a hit at the office (she's very gentle and lovable).

In her home town of Otis, Rebecca is the chairman of the Planning Board. She said that experience has given her a lot of knowledge to deal with similar issues which might be faced in Lamoine.

There were six applicants for the job, all very qualified for the position. The Planning Board interviewed all applicants, and recommended Rebecca. She replaces John Fink, who resigned from the job.



Workers from Sinclair Builders remove the asbestos panels on the old part of the school in November during the re-roofing project.

Support Arts In our Schools!

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Crime Wave strikes Lamoine *Town Office Robbed in October*

(Lamoine) — October was not a particularly great month for security in Eastern Maine, and Lamoine didn't escape the wrath of crime. A burglary spree saw dozens of homes and businesses hit, and a man in Bradley was killed when he allegedly surprised burglars in the act.

On the 23rd of October, the Town Administrator walked into the building, and noticed something was wrong. The two office doors had been pried open, and the town vault was wide open. The Hancock County Sheriff's Department was immediately called to the scene.

A check of the various items on hand showed that the burglars took only cash. Just under \$1,000 was on hand from the previous day's receipts of tax payments, and that was missing. Checks were left behind by the burglars. Some other items, including a locking bank bag, were stolen. The bag was later recovered, but was destroyed by the burglars.

The detectives from the Sheriff's Department took fingerprints from the scene which may have been left behind by the thieves. Information which came in during the robbery investigation that day indicated that the same burglars may have tried to rob Dunbar's Store on Route 1 in Sullivan. A similar entry method was used, but a burglar alarm apparently scared them off.

The burglary took place sometime between 9:00 PM and 8:30 AM. The town's Republican Committee had met the previous evening, and none of those present noticed anything out of the ordinary during that meeting.

The town carries insurance for such things, but the deductible is \$1,000. Damage to the doors, repair costs to the locks and vault door, and other items stolen did bring the loss to over \$1,000 for which the town has been reimbursed by our insurance carrier, Maine Municipal Association.

Since the burglary, the Selectmen have asked the treasurer to make deposits in the night deposit vault at Union Trust Company. All the locks were immediately changed, as was the combination to the vault.

Additionally, the Selectmen authorized purchase of a burglar alarm for the town hall which was installed in late November. The alarm will detect intruders during off hours, and activate a flashing red light and siren, as well as automatically notify the authorities that it has been set off.

So far, no suspects have been identified or charged with the theft.



Fire Calls down for 1996

(Lamoine) — For the Lamoine Fire Department, 1996 has been an unusually slow year for fire calls. There were no emergency calls dispatched during September. One call for an auto accident in October saw the fire department briefly stand by the scene in front of the Lamoine Consolidated School while the wreckage was cleared away.

In November, a minor structural fire was reported on Buttermilk Road. A resident had disposed of ashes from their wood stove in a plastic bucket, and placed that bucket next to a small shed. The ashes had not cooled sufficiently before disposal, and while the homeowners were away, the bucket ignited, and the flames spread to the siding of the shed. A neighbor happened to notice the smoke and called the fire department. A firefighter who lives just a couple doors down grabbed a shovel, spread the ashes and put the fire out. A water line then doused the smoldering ashes and sprayed under the shed to assure complete extinguishment.

In late November and early December, a series of wind and ice storms struck Lamoine, and the new Engine 405 was pressed into service by the Road Commissioner. Several trees came down and blocked local roads. On the 2nd of December, the fire department stood by several trees which had crossed power lines to await Bangor Hydro's arrival to fix things.

The department was also called to a motor vehicle accident on Lamoine Beach Road (Route 184) just past the easterly intersection with the Shore Road. Two town residents were injured when their vehicle hit a big pine tree head on. The Sheriff's Department is investigating.

In September, the Lamoine Department held a joint training exercise with Ellsworth, Trenton and Winter Harbor to see if 250 gallons of water per minute could be pumped continuously over a period of time. The department thanks Doug Gott and Sons for allowing the exercise to take place at their gravel pit on Lamoine Beach Road.

Finally, the Lamoine Fire Department received a generous donation from the Jaye McKenney family of Lawler Lane. In 1995, the department responded to several false alarms from their new alarm system. The members appreciate the donation!

Three new members join Fire Department

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department has been quite fortunate to recruit three new members in recent months. Man (and woman) power is always short, especially during the days, so it's important to have a good base of volunteers to draw from.

Firefighter Jonathan Morren comes to us from the Maryland area. He and his wife and two sons moved to Lamoine last Spring, and Jon has taken several training programs since joining.

Member Vicki Alley lives on Birchlawn Drive, and holds an Emergency Medical Technician Certificate. Her training will come in handy as the department quite often is first on the scene for accident responses.

Carlton Johnson has joined the department and become a very active member as well. The Shore Road resident is in the process of building boats at his home, and felt his daytime presence in town would enhance the response during those hours. New members are always welcome. The fire department meets on Thursday nights.

Fewer Tax Foreclosure Notices Expected

(Lamoine) — Less than a half dozen tax foreclosure notices will be sent out in December of this year. Foreclosure notices must be sent, by law, to those who have a property interest in a particular parcel of land on which a tax lien is due to mature.

Previous years have averaged between 15 and 20 foreclosure notices. In early December, only five pieces of land had outstanding liens from the 1994/1995 tax year.

Those liens will mature in February, and if they are not paid in full, the land will become owned by the town. Once the town obtains ownership for non-payment of taxes, it has the option of selling the land to the previous owner, or auctioning off the land and, if applicable, buildings, to the highest bidder. In recent years only two or three tax auctions have taken place, all with the blessing of the previous land owner. It is not anticipated that any of the property currently under lien will become tax acquired.

Junkyard Crackdown under way

(Lamoine) — Several complaints have been received in the Town Office regarding junk cars being stored on private property. State law dictates that no one may possess or store more than two unserviceable vehicles on their land without being licensed as an automobile graveyard.

The Code Enforcement Officer visually inspected each complaint received and has written to four lot owners around Lamoine who have more than 2 abandoned vehicles stored on their lot. With each letter is a flyer from the Kidney Foundation which offers to remove the vehicles for free, and allow the owner to claim the removal as a donation. The Foundation, in turn, uses the parts from the vehicles as a fund raising mechanism.

Should the various landowners fail to comply with the request to remove the vehicles in question, the town has several enforcement options available. The landowner can be taken to court and fined for an illegal junkyard, and still be ordered to remove the cars. The matter can be referred to the Maine State Police for enforcement action. The actions are an effort to allow landowners to comply with State law.

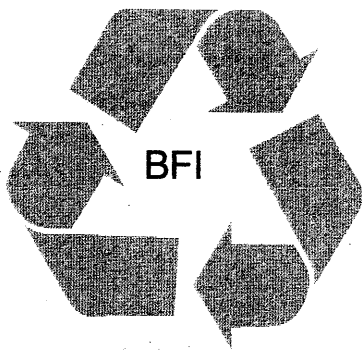
Excise Tax Changes proposed to legislature

(Augusta) — A pair of bills which affect how much you pay for motor vehicle excise tax have been submitted to the legislature at the urging of the tax collector's office in Lamoine.

The first bill deals with leased vehicles. Under current law, only the owner of a vehicle is entitled to use the credit when a vehicle is traded for another one. When one of those vehicles is leased, and one is not, the credit cannot be used, because the owner of the vehicles are not the same.

The town office has proposed to Representative Bill Pinkham that either the owner or the lessee of the vehicle be entitled to credits on excise tax.

The second bill proposed would allow utilities to pay excise tax in the communities where vehicles are housed. This would benefit Lamoine greatly as Bangor Hydro could pay the excise for all the vehicles housed in their maintenance facility to the town. That tax is currently paid to Bangor, because state law says it must be.



Sells Lamoine Contract

(Brewer) — Browning Ferris Industries (BFI, Inc.) has sold its solid waste division to Sawyer Environmental Resources. That means the recycling program which BFI runs for Lamoine will now be run by Sawyer, and its parent company, Casella Waste Management.

The Selectmen have opted to allow assignment of the contract to Sawyer/Casella as the terms will remain identical to those agreed to with BFI. For the first year of the contract, Sawyer will pick up all of Lamoine's recycling brought to the transfer station for \$115/month. The price increases in subsequent years.

Several months ago, a Lamoine Town Meeting authorized the Selectmen to leave Coastal Recycling and advertise for bids with other firms which provide recycling. BFI had approached the town with a very generous offer. At the time, prices being paid for paper products were extremely high, and the move was on to sign up as many new recycling customers as possible.

Today, prices for raw recycling material are as low as they have ever been, and it has been difficult to run a profitable program for many of the companies which are in that line of business.

Only minor changes were noted at the Lamoine Transfer Station when the change was made to Sawyer/Casella. Paperboard boxed, the cereal carton type materials, can no longer be accepted at the transfer station, as this has become an unprofitable mixture item.

The other materials, including newspaper, office paper, and cardboard continue to be collected. Glass, plastic, and cans are still collected in the large outdoor bins supplied by Sawyer/Casella.

The metals are unaffected by the recycling change. We're still receiving \$15 per ton for clean metals brought in to the transfer station.

Tires on rims cannot be accepted, as it costs \$5 each to de-rim these and we lose money on that deal. If you have a rimmed tire, we suggest you take it to a local tire dealer to have it removed before leaving both parts at the transfer station.

Commercial Trash Hauling Guidelines under consideration

(Lamoine) — The Board of Selectmen is currently considering asking town meeting to tighten restrictions on commercial trash operations within the town. The effort should increase recycling of materials, and cut down on the amount of trash which must be burned at the PERC trash to energy plant in Orrington.

Under the proposed guidelines, commercial waste haulers would not be permitted to pick up trash which is not in garbage bags. This should greatly speed up the process for pickup and disposal at the transfer station, and keep litter from getting on the roads of Lamoine when loose trash spills from their vehicles.

Secondly, no material which can be recycled may be thrown away with the regular trash. This is an effort to encourage recycling among those folks who do not regularly visit the Lamoine transfer station. Commercial operations do have the option of providing recycling service for their customers, or simply allowing their customers to haul the material to the transfer station on their own. This may be a difficult rule to enforce. If town meeting approves, the Selectmen hope for the cooperation of the commercial haulers on the issue.

Haulers will be required to inform the town of what recycling program, if any they might offer. If a hauler does not offer a program to segregate recyclable material, they may not pick up those materials. If is also up to the customer to separate their recycling from the normal trash picked up by the hauler.

The rules will also require that trucks hauling trash in town be covered so that the garbage doesn't fly out. Much of the roadside litter in town can be attributed to insecure loads of trash, not just from commercial haulers but from private vehicles.

Finally, the rules would require a customer list from each commercial hauler. The list is strictly confidential, but is used by the Town Office to estimate how much material a commercial trash company should be bringing into the transfer station on a weekly basis.

The Selectmen have long felt that a weak link in the recycling chain is the commercial trash hauler, merely by the nature of their business. It's felt if the commercial hauler can become part of the recycling program by imposing the rules, everyone will benefit in the long run from less trash to pay-disposal fees on, and better service for customers of Lamoine.

Record Turnout in November for Elections (local question defeated)



Here are the results from Election Day '96 in Lamoine:

President			
Clinton/Gore	337		
Dole/Kemp	294		
Perot/Campbell	153		
US Senate			
Collins	496		
Brennan	268		
US House			
Baldacci	579		
Young	220		
State Senate			
Pinkham, R.	448		
Goldthwait	387		
State House			
Pinkham, W.	564		
Atkinson	253		
Question 1	Yes 434	No 356	
Question 2	A 284 B 332	C 213	
Question 3	Yes 415	No 398	
Question 4	Yes 493	No 319	
Question 5	Yes 443	No 379	
Question 6	Yes 464	No 348	
Question 7	Yes 425	No 374	
Question 8	Yes 505	No 278	

Local Questions

Accessory Dwelling Units	Yes 432	No 355
Town Budget Voting	Yes 386	No 421

Turnout was 847, or 71.48%

Portable Classroom Proposed

(Lamoine) — The School Committee has asked the Lamoine Board of Selectmen to build another portable classroom for the school. The new building, if approved by voters at the annual town meeting, will replace the structure currently leased on the east side of the school building.

The Selectmen have asked Robert Ray to design a building and a set of specifications to put out to bid. Mr. Ray designed the fire station for the town which he also built well, and economically. He held an initial meeting with both the Selectmen and School Board on December 2nd.

Financing for the project has yet to be determined. The other portable classroom is town owned, and was financed through a loan which has since been paid.



School wired for Internet

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Consolidated School is now wired for the world of cyberspace. Volunteers Nate Anderson, Steve McMullen, Paul Bowden, Paul Hodgkins, Stu Marckoon, and Ralph Hall spent parts of two weekends running hundreds of feet of computer and cable TV wire to equip each classroom with a hookup.

Much of the material was donated for the project, and each volunteer brought some expertise to work with them. Thanks to the effort, each room will now be able to hook up a computer terminal to the Internet, and receive cable television transmissions.

The crew found that it wasn't as easy as they thought to run the wires into each classrooms, as many rooms contained fire breaks in the walls. It's hoped the wires will work well for many years to come and enhance the education of our young folks.

Town Meeting planned for April Nomination Papers in January

(Lamoine) — The annual town meeting will take place in April this year. The firm date has yet to be set by Selectmen. The meeting time was moved forward from March in order to have more time to prepare the budget items, especially as they concern the portable classroom proposals.

Nomination papers for the offices of Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Assessor, Selectmen, and two School Committee seats will be available at the Lamoine Town Office beginning in January. Watch the bulletin boards and the newspapers for when. Those who wish to run for office need to collect signatures of at least 25 registered Lamoine voters on their papers, and no more than 75 voters.

The offices of Selectmen and Assessor may prove to be particularly interesting, as incumbents Bill Collier and Tom Bowen have indicated a desire not to serve another term. The incumbents on the school committee are Nate Anderson and Anne Gommel. Barbara Bartosenski has run unopposed for clerk and tax collector for the past several years.

If you are interested in obtaining nomination papers, or desire more information on the various aspects or public service, please contact the town office. The only requirement is that you are 18 years old, and registered to vote.



Tom Bowen & Stu Marckoon plant the last of the sign posts for the street name signs

Street Signs installed this fall!

(Lamoine) — The town is sporting street signs on virtually every road that had a name assigned to it during the road naming process. Tax Assessor Tom Bowen and Administrator Stu Marckoon spent several days this fall installing the new signs, and finally completed the task in early December.

The signs were manufactured, for the most part, by inmates at the Penobscot County Jail. That meant a greatly reduced initial expense for the posts, holders and signs themselves, keeping the project well within budget. In all, there are 100 signs which grace the public and private roads in Lamoine, although the number is expected

to creep a bit higher as more development takes place. Since the road naming process, the Selectmen have assigned two road names, and await suggestions on a third which were identified as needing names after the initial process took place.

The signs are blue and green. The green signs indicate publicly maintained roads, and blue signs are privately maintained. The exception is the Meadow Point area which had previously installed green signs on their own. As those wear down, the town will replace them with blue signs.

The road signs have been very popular, in fact a bit too popular. Two vandalism waves shortly after the initial installation saw nearly two dozen signs, posts and related hardware stolen. It was estimated that about \$700 worth of materials and labor was expended to replace the stolen signs. The Hancock County Sheriff's Department was notified about the thefts and is still investigating.

Meanwhile, the town awaits an official road name map from the State Office of Geographic Information Systems. A private contractor mapped out the various roads last summer, but the map has yet to be published.

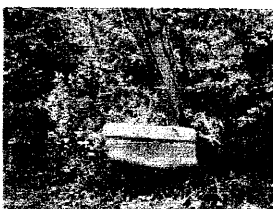
For those waiting for an official address, some advice. Keep your current rural route number, then indicate the road name afterward, and that should work for a while. House numbers are forthcoming, but will take several months to generate.

Summer Road work still in progress

(Lamoine) — Much of the road work contracted out this summer has been completed, but some minor road repairs still await completion, probably in the spring.

The biggest project was on Berry Cove Road which had suffered great deterioration in the many years that maintenance was deferred. The town spent about \$7,000 for Doug Gott and Sons to establish drainage, install new culverts, and shape the road to assure much better surface runoff control. It got a test during a heavy rain in early December, and the surface held up well. Some erosion control in the new ditch will be needed in the spring to avoid a washout problem.

Mill Road has also seen a great deal of work. Jay Fowler's crew ditched a good deal of the road to allow for better drainage of the road base. This seems to be working quite nicely. In addition, Top Notch tree service performed some badly needed trimming along the South side of the road. That paid off in November and December as two wind storms produced very little damage from trees along that section. A section of Walker Road was also ditched for drainage.



The backhoe from Doug Gott's digs a new ditch on Berry Cove Road during major construction this summer

Still to be done are ditching projects on Shore Road and Birchlawn Drive.

Minor repairs were also made to Buttermilk Road and Asa's Lane as pothole situations started to develop. This work was performed quickly by Richard J. King, Inc.

The road work budget is fairly healthy, and some Spring work should take place if the winter is good to us.

Blacksmith Road to vanish!?!

(Lamoine) — A proposal to go before the Town Meeting in the Spring will ask the town to discontinue Blacksmith Road, which cuts behind the General Store. Voters did authorize the Selectmen to abandon the road in 1931, but there is no record they ever did so. Funds have been spent on grading the road for the past 10 years or so. Abutting property owners say they won't seek damages if the road is discontinued.

Joint Snow Removal Bid

(Lamoine) — Several years ago, voters in both Lamoine and Trenton approved of the two towns coming up with a joint snow removal plan. The bids for snow removal contracts were subsequently timed by both communities to come up with a common expiration date. That date will be reached next Spring.

In early December, the Trenton Selectmen met with the Lamoine Selectmen to further discuss joint efforts. Included for now will be a joint snow removal contract. A common bid document is being drafted.

Both towns are currently served by Richard J. King, Inc., and have been for the past several years.

If the joint bid is successful, both towns may also look at construction of a joint salt/sand shed. The mileage plowed in the two towns combined is relatively great. Separate salt/sand storage sheds didn't seem to make sense when talks began several years ago, and that avenue will continue to be explored. Several towns in Maine cooperate on other issues, but few jointly plow roads.

Gravel buyout proposed

(Lamoine) — The town owes RF Jordan and Sons approximately 12,500 yards of gravel under an agreement approved by a past board of Selectmen. The current board proposes to pay cash in lieu of gravel to the company to settle the contract, provided town meeting approval is granted.

The proposal would pay Jordan one dollar per yard, which is the going price for bank-run gravel. The Selectmen believe the price of gravel will continue to increase in the future, and the cash buyout will benefit all parties involved. Simultaneously, the town will be asked to fund a master plan for gravel sales at the town gravel pit land.

Fire Dept. helps out

(Lamoine) — Heavy wind storms on December 2nd and 20th brought several trees down in Lamoine, knocking power out in many sections of town. One tree on the 20th blocked the fire station, and brought live power lines down over Lamoine Beach Road in front of the fire house. Helping out were firefighters John Smith, Jim Hunnewell, Joe Young, Russell Boynton, and Maury Oliver. The town thanks the volunteers.

Donation Policy Approved

(Lamoine) — After months of hard work, a donation request policy for town meeting has been approved by the Board of Selectmen. The policy sets out guidelines for requesting agencies to meet, and caps the amount for any one request at \$600. It caps the overall amount to be presented to town meeting at .05 mills (roughly \$4,600 this year).

Committee members included Joan Bragdon, Griff Fenton, Antje Ludwig, Cynthia Donaldson, and Charles Major.

The request deadline was set at November 30th, and by the deadline six requests had been received, and none exceeded the cap. That is down considerably from past years.

Historical Society News

by Jo Cooper, President

(Lamoine) — After a busy year in 1995 with the 125th anniversary celebration, the Lamoine Historical Society has been quite for this past year. But, we have lots of plans for 1997!

We have formed a building commit-

tee to oversee restoration of the East Lamoine Meeting House. Wet weather this past summer delayed the painting when our painter was available. But, we can assure many concerned citizens it will happen in 1997.

The Historical Society was active in helping the town's street-naming committee find historic names for previously unnamed roads in town. We have also presented several programs in the school.

As always, we welcome inquiries about the history of Lamoine and will help you find answers if we can. Call 667-7062 or 667-8893. We'll be meeting again in the Spring, starting in April and will have a display of some of our latest acquisitions at the Town Meeting.

Did You Know?

Years ago there were seven schools in Lamoine. School closed in the winter months, especially Christmas through January and reopened as weather permitted. This saved wood and teacher salaries. During winter, Lamoine citizens visited neighbors within walking distance or the nearest general store (there were stores in every neighborhood). Roads were not plowed until the late 1920's. Before that they were rolled with heavy, horse drawn rollers made of wood or stone, to make sleighing easier. When the weather was bad, people stayed at home.

Three lost during quarter



(Lamoine) — During the past three months, Lamoine lost three good friends. **Richard A. Zerrien Sr.** died in October. Dick owned the large red apartment house on Route 184 just before Richard King's. He was a Navy Seal, and help recover one of the NASA Apollo missions which splashed down in his area. He leaves behind many family members and friends.

James L. Young had just recently moved to Lamoine before his sudden death on November 27th. He was retired from the Maine State Police, reaching the rank of Corporal, and serving most of his time in the Camden area. He was living in his home on Berry Cove at the time of his death.

George Steinhilber was a property owner in Lamoine, and a resident of Trenton. He passed away December 15th following a long illness. George was very active with the American Legion, and was instrumental in helping distribute food baskets and presents to needy Lamoine families each Christmas.

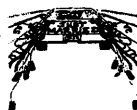


Welcome...

Felicia Anne Ridley, born November 4, 1996. Mom & Dad are Craig & Shelly Ridley. Felicia was born at MDI Hospital in Bar Harbor. Her great-uncle is Fire Chief George "Skip Smith!"

Also **Aubrey Monroe Tehennepe**. Mom & Dad Gregg & Jacklyn Haines live on Buttermilk Road. He was born Nov. 30th at MDI Hospital.

And A Wedding!



(Lamoine) — Congratulations to **Carlton Wilson & Stephanie French** who tied the knot on September 2, 1996 in Lamoine. They reside on the Shore Road.

Lamoiners making (good) News

(Lamoine) — **Ryan Day** was named as one of the best high school golfers in the State of Maine this fall. Ryan is also an accomplished actor at Ellsworth High School. **Bill Whitener** of Buttermilk Road had his picture in the *Bangor Daily News* as he played trumpet for the opening of Shaw's in Bangor. **Fred Hutchinson**, the President of the University of Maine, announced he will retire next summer to spend time in his home on Lorimer Road.

Bring me those puppies!

(Cruella Devil from 101 Dalmatians, not our town clerk)



(Lamoine) — Just a reminder, you must register all dogs by January 31, 1997, or face a late fee of \$3.00 after that date. When you come into the town office, please bring the most current rabies certificate for your dog. If your pup has been spayed or neutered since the last registration, we must see the certificate. "Fixed" dogs cost \$4.00. Others cost \$7.50 apiece. State law requires registration and the town clerk to notify the animal control officer of those residents who have not registered their dogs.

Audit finds town books in good order

(Lamoine) — The annual audit of the town's financial records was very successful. The firm of Dow & Wadman of Ellsworth was hired to perform the audit, as required by state law. The management letter made only one suggested change which has been implemented. It also complimented the town for keeping well detailed records.

Town Clerk Certified!

(Lamoine) — Elected town clerk **Barbara Bartosenski** has received her certification from the Maine Town and City Clerks Association. This is the professional organization administered by the Maine Municipal Association which sets minimum standards for all town clerks in Maine to meet.

To earn certification, Barbara had to take several classes ranging from handling of vital statistics to state laws as they apply to town clerks. A certified clerk must also have served in that position for a minimum number of years.

The certification accompanies Barbara's certification as a tax collector by the Maine Municipal Tax Collector's and Treasurer's Association, a similar professional organization. It also means that the required office staff for the town is certified in their jobs, as Treasurer **Stu Marckoon** received his certification from the same organization.

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Building Permit issues slow in last quarter

(Lamoine) — The following building permits were issued since the last edition of the Quarterly:

R. Merchant & S. Hancock - mobile home
Jeffrey McLaughlin - residence
James A. Day - mobile home
Eugene & Vicki Kimball - Garage
Richard J. King - Deck
Gary Eaton - Deck
Thomas & Susan Earl - Garage
John Desjardins - Shed
Robert Friedman - Porch Screen & Roof
Hans & Radah Schmidt - Close in Porch
Fred & Dione Hutchinson - Deck
Robert & Dorothy Bennett - Deck
Todd & Beth Blanchard - Mobile Home
Thomas & Amy Duym - Deck
M. & C. Martin - Cabin/Bunkhouse
The Finishing Touch - Addition
Ralph & Patricia Murphy - Garage
Seal Point Lobster Co. - Tank & Cover
Ruth Saliba - Addition
Dan & Brenda Norwood - Garage
Dorothy Weilburg - House
Bruce & Linda Eaton - House
Almond & Virginia Eaton - Sugar Shack
Alan & Brenda Moldawer - Steps to shore
Richard Harding - Addition
William Curran - Garage
Aaron Brown - Mobile Home
Carlton & Rachael Johnson - Shed
Warren & Deborah Curtis - Mobile Home
Dennis & Laura Smith - Deck/Dormer
Charles Ashmore - Shed
Raye Menzietti - Garage
Maurice & Carol Oliver - Renovation
M.C. & Catherine Bunker - Addition
Thomas & Sharon St. Claire - House
Wayne Stanley - manufactured home
Richard Davies - mobile home
Stephen Kelley - Storage Building
John Goodwin, Jr. - Mobile Home
Chris & Theresa Fennelly - Garage
R. Dumont & W. Schick - Woodshed
Fred Cahn - Barn
Earl & Carolyn Smart - Garage

Gravel Permits Renewed

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Planning Board has renewed gravel extraction permits for three pits owned by Harold MacQuinn, Inc., and pits owned by Richard J. King, Inc. and Gerald Jordan. A new gravel pit permit for Harold MacQuinn, Inc. off Douglas Highway will be the subject of a public hearing on January 7th at 7:00 PM by the Planning Board. Anyone may speak at the hearing.

Comprehensive Plan ready for action.

(Lamoine) — The Hancock County Planning Commission has been hired to implement the Comprehensive Plan approved by Lamoine voters last March. The \$12,500 proposal matches the state grant received for the plan, with three fourths of the money coming from the state, and the rest from local funds set aside for the plan.

The biggest task for the planning commission will be codification of all the various ordinances which have been passed over the years at town meeting. Believe it or not, Lamoine has ordinances dealing with trash disposal, outdoor festivals, campgrounds, traffic. The more famous ordinance include the building code, shoreland zoning ordinance, gravel extraction ordinance and subdivision ordinance. All these will be combined into a single document which should make compliance a lot easier.

Additionally, the planning commission will draft a forestry practices ordinance as suggested by the plan to include in the large document. A survey of historic sites around town is also in order, and several

Christmas season lights continue a Lamoine tradition

(Lamoine) — Last December, Lamoine was resplendent in light as many residents decorated their homes with seasonal light displays. 1996 saw even more homes decorated, and well worth a drive around town to see the pretty colors at night.

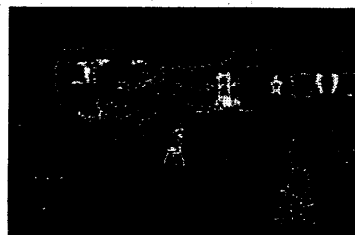
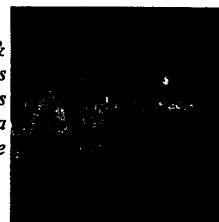
For sheer candle-power, nothing beats the Richard King display on Douglas Highway, but Calvin Smith & Mima Grindle on Asa's Lane are getting close. Lower Buttermilk Road is also well lit with the Eaton, Pinkham, Wallace, Hodgdon and Norwood residences decked out.

The Curtis home on upper Asa's Lane is very nicely done, as is Neil Murphy's home on Lamoine Beach Road. We believe Mrs. Stickney's house off Marlboro Beach Road is the one nicely lit, but it's difficult to distinguish. The Robertson home at Mill & Walker has a bright Santa Claus. The Skip & Carol Smith home was very tastefully decorated this year. On Jordan River Road, the Bruce & Laura Parlee house and the Scott & Kelly Brown home brighten up the drive. David & Vicki Smallidge also had a nice display. And Antje Ludwig's blue tree at Lamoine Corner



Lights on display at the Warren Curtis house on Asa's Lane

Calvin Smith & Mima Grindle's home on Asa's lane created a nice glow in the December sky.



Always a favorite with tourists, Richard King Inc.'s display keeps growing each year. One car passenger claimed he closed his eyes and could feel the heat!

Assessments Questioned

(Lamoine) — Residents Robert & Colene Sharkey delivered a petition to the Selectmen in December asking for an investigation of assessments in town. The matter is under study at this time regarding some issues raised. The State of Maine assessor considers Lamoine's assessment to be 97% of full just value.

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12	13- Budget Cmte	14	15-Selectmen	16- Fire Department	17	18
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26	27- Budget Cmte	28	29-Selectmen	30- Fire Department	31-Dog Licenses Deadline	

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